

By Mary Peterson

*It's the Academy Award
of safety and health
programs, and Johnson
Space Center is a winner!*

Miles commended JSC for the lost-work-day rating at 0.2, a remarkable figure, he said, when compared to the nearest like-type industry, which would be aircraft manufacturing service. It is even more remarkable, considering that JSC is also the largest facility in OSHA's



The VPP Star site flag will join others in front of JSC's Bldg. 1 as a testament to the center's commitment to a safe work environment. The VPP Star site flag shown here, held by Rachel Windham, was flown aboard *Columbia* during STS-93 and will be showcased in the lobby of Bldg. 1.

Upon receiving the flag, Center Director George Abbey thanked those in attendance as well as the extended family of JSC employees, saying, "This is a great event, and I expect it to have even greater meaning

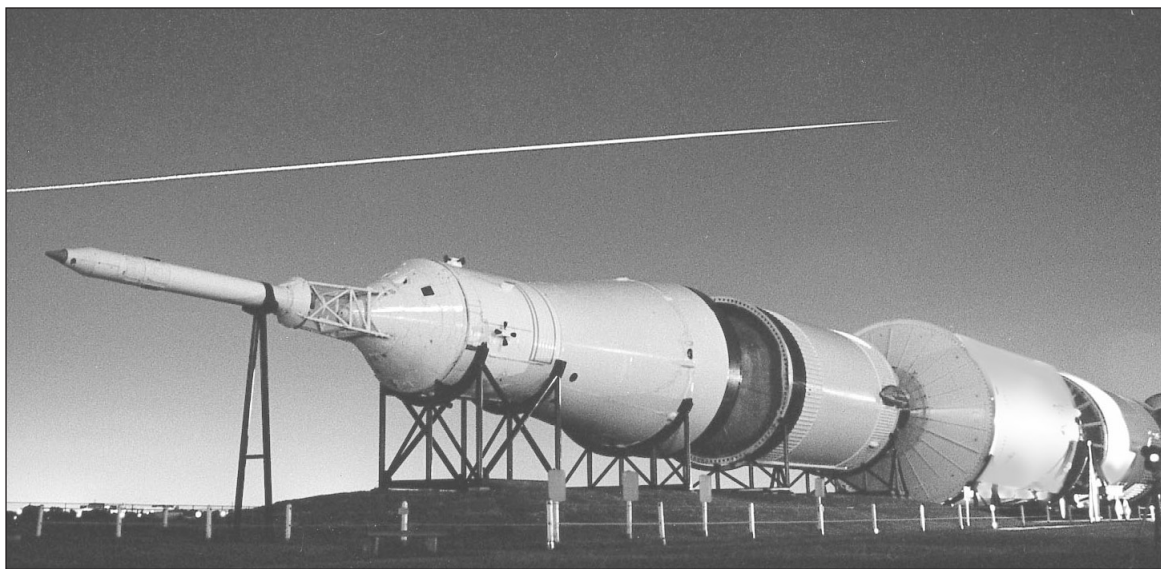
Credit was roundly given to all who contributed to achieving OSHA's most prestigious award, and included, in addition to Abbey, who was billed as the driving force behind JSC safety, Deputy Center Director Capt. Jim Wetherbee, the Executive Safety Committee, Mary McClain,

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Gilruth Center. ■

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Gore reminded the crowd that the mission was unique in a number of ways. “I want to just remind you that there are quite a number of achievements that we are celebrating here. First of all, Jeff Ashby, who was born in Dallas, completed his first flight. Steve Hawley now has the unique distinction of flying on two of the “Great Observatory” missions, having also helped deploy the Hubble Space Telescope in 1990. And Cady Coleman was the one who actually was in

Collins thanked the STS-93 Training Team including Lisa Reed, training team lead; Al Park, control instructor; Ed Schoenstein, DPS/navigation instructor; Kevin Jennings, systems instructor; Darryl Davis, communications instructor; Bill Preston, payloads instructor; Robert Carter, simulator operator; and Stacie Hughes, crew scheduler.



***Columbia* streaks across the night sky above Rocket Park.**

Ashby related a story that summarizes his thoughts about flying with Commander Collins. “Way back in my flying career, many, many years ago, I had an occasion where I was flying a small airplane with an enlisted man from my squadron,” said Ashby. The engine quit and the two did a dead stick landing in the desert. “It was a pretty frightening event. And we walked away. And as we walked away, the young enlisted man told me that he would fly with me anytime. And I felt that was the highest compliment that I could ever be paid as a pilot. Well, last night, I rode through my second dead stick landing with

Chandra continues to operate as it was designed, circling the Earth in an elliptical orbit with low and high points slightly above 6,200 miles and just under 87,000 miles. The first images should be transmitted to Earth between mid and late August. ■